

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

Anderson (WFBC-TV) Licensee, Inc. (“Licensee”), licensee of WMYA-TV, Anderson, SC (Facility ID 56548), hereby requests extension of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) that was granted on June 1, 2022 (and extended on December 16, 2022) in connection with WMYA-TV’s launch of ATSC 3.0 broadcast service. *See* File Nos. 0000190294 and 0000203844. On June 2, 2022, Licensee commenced ATSC 3.0 operations from WMYA-TV’s facility, which serves as the ATSC 3.0 host for stations in the Greenville-Spartanburg, SC-Asheville, NC-Anderson, SC market, and began simulcasting its primary stream (currently affiliated with *DABL*) and its multicast stream currently affiliated with *Comet* in ATSC 1.0 format on from the facilities of WYFF(TV), Greenville, SC (Facility ID 53905), pursuant to its Next Generation license (*see* File No. 0000190291) and written hosting agreement with WYFF Hearst Television Inc. (“Hearst”). Additionally, Licensee began airing its *TBD* multicast stream in ATSC 1.0 format from the facilities of WSPA-TV, Spartanburg, SC (Facility ID 66391), pursuant to a written hosting agreement with Nexstar Media Inc. (“Nexstar”) and began airing its *Charge!* multicast stream from the facilities of WHNS(TV), Greenville, SC (Facility ID 72300), pursuant to a written hosting agreement with Gray Television, Licensee LLC (“Gray”). This request seeks an extension of STA to allow WMYA-TV to continue the hosting arrangements for the broadcast of its multicast streams from WYFF(TV)’s, WSPA-TV’s, and WHNS(TV)’s facilities in ATSC 1.0 format.

As explained in Licensee’s original request for STA, WMYA-TV is not able to air all of its multicast streams on WYFF(TV), its primary ATSC 1.0 simulcast host, due to ATSC 1.0 capacity constraints. Furthermore, due to ATSC 3.0 capacity and other constraints attendant with the multi-station and multi-market coordination needed for a successful ATSC 3.0 deployment across the country, it is not feasible for Licensee to simulcast WMYA-TV’s multicast streams in an ATSC 3.0 format without unduly minimizing, if not largely eliminating, the benefits to the public and the participating stations of transitioning to ATSC 3.0. Absent an extension of STA authorizing WMYA-TV to air its non-primary programming streams using the facilities of WSPA-TV, and WHNS(TV), all over-the-air viewers would lose access to WMYA-TV’s multicast streams. Although Licensee has agreed to indemnify Nexstar and Gray from and against all liabilities or claims resulting from or arising out of the programming and advertising broadcast on Licensee’s program streams using the multicast hosts’ facilities, Licensee is requesting the instant authorization out of an abundance of caution to make clear that Licensee will remain responsible for the *TBD* and *Charge!* streams’ compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations.

As such, Licensee respectfully requests an extension of the STA. Grant of this STA extension would serve the public interest because it would advance the Commission’s ATSC 3.0 policy goals while preserving WMYA-TV’s ability to air each of its programming streams in ATSC 1.0 and ensure access to the programming currently received for most over-the-air viewers. It will also continue to make clear that WMYA-TV is an authorized user of a portion of WSPA-TV’s and WHNS(TV)’s channels and is the party responsible for ensuring compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations.